--- 1/9th Pound - "Series of 1883" - BLACK - 250/255 x 15 mm. ---

John McKay records that 1,765,000 recess printed copies of "1/9 lb. Black Tobacco" (rotary press) were 'delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892).

Next McKay reports that 64,000 recess printed copies (hand press), and 8,231,000 copies (rotary press) of "1/9, Black Tobacco" were 'delivered' under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897). It seems to me that these *hand press* copies were probably printed under the earlier contract, and may have the initial control numbers.

Lastly John McKay records that 2,190,000 recess printed copies of the "1/9 lb. Black Tobacco" (rotary press) were 'delivered' under the **5th BABN Supplement** (1897-1898). These had been printed under the **5th BABN Contract** and remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were made available to the Department, while ABN worked 'up-to-speed' with the die preparation and the printing of the "Series of 1897".

4th BABN Contract - October 22nd 1886	1,765,000 recess (rotary press)	**000001** to 1-**765000**
5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	8,231,000 recess (rotary press)	1-**765001** to 9-**996000**
	64,000 recess (hand press)	9-**996001** to 10-**060000**
5th BABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	2,190,000 recess (rotary press)	10-**060001** to 12-**250000**
	12,250,000	

With over 12,000,000 strips printed, the control listing only provides an approximation of the relative abundance or scarcity of this item, and placing them in control numbered order is not intended to indicate when they were actually printed. The 1,000,000 control sequence repeats twelve times from **999999**, by reset to **000001**.

The catalogue lists the *recess printed* Series of 1883 black 1/9th pound strips as follows:

RP-446 - 1/9th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove - 255 x 15 mm. design length
RP-446a - 1/9th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on vertical mesh wove - 250 x 15 mm. design length

RP-447 - 1/9th pound, black, *imperforate*, on horizontal mesh wove - 255 x 15 mm. design length
RP-447a - 1/9th pound, black, *imperforate* - 255 x 15 mm. design length - "kiss print" in the center section

--- Recess printed by rotary press on horizontal mesh wove - 255 x 14 mm - 4 mm blue controls ---

--- RP-447 - 1/9th pound - *imperforate* - scanned at 67% scale ---

RP-447a - 1/9th pound, black, *imperforate*, with 4 mm. control **977878**,
on horizontal mesh wove - a *re-entry* or *kiss print*, with a 255 mm. design,

749886	RP-447	1/9th pound, imperforate, on horizontal mesh wove
890503★	RP-447	1/9th pound, imperforate, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 1 - 30**
977878★	RP-447a	1/9th pound, imperforate, on horizontal mesh wove - a center "kiss-print"

--- 1/9th Pound - “Series of 1883” - BLACK - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- Recess printed by rotary press on horizontal mesh wove - 255 x 14 mm - 4 mm blue controls ---

--- RP-446 - 1/9th pound - *coarse roulette* - scanned at 67% scale ---

RP-446 CP - 1/9th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control **390905** - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters

RP-446 - 1/9th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control **518972**,
Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1 - 30** by “J.E. Tuckett Tobacco”, Hamilton, Ontario

002658	RP-446	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
067053	RP-446	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 1 - 30**
152975	RP-446	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 1 - 30**
241659	RP-446	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
390905★	RP-446 CP	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - suspect
390931	RP-446	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove,
390950	RP-446 CP	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - suspect
394849★	RP-446	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 1 - 30**
398001	RP-446	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - unreadable roller
518972★	RP-446	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 1 - 30**
908104	RP-446	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - used and broken
929947	RP-446	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 1 - 30**
977971	RP-446	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 1 - 30**
978438	RP-446	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 1 - 30**
980580	RP-446	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 1 - 30**

--- Recess printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove paper - 250 x 14 mm - 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- RP-446a - *coarse roulette* - scanned at 67% scale ---

RP-446a - 1/9th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control **467573**,
on vertical mesh wove, with a 250 x 14 mm. design

467573★	RP-446a	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove - coded **TOBACCO / 6 - 17**

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